

CORRUPT BANKERS HIT BY OFFICIAL

Growing Evil, He Declares in His Annual Report—Growth in Bank- ing Not Up to Average.

Washington, D. C. Dec. 8.—Imprisonment in the penitentiary as a punishment of bank officials who accept a commission or other personal compensation on loans made by their bank is recommended by Lawrence O. Murray, comptroller of the currency, in his annual report to congress, published today.

"The dishonest practice by officers of national banks of receiving personal compensation for loans made by the bank is a growing evil and has already reached such proportions as to call for criminal legislation on the subject," says the comptroller.

"In this manner either the bank is defrauded of lawful interest which it would otherwise receive, or usurious interest is exacted of a borrower by a corrupt officer. A secret reward to the officers is sometimes a deliberate bribe for obtaining a loan on insufficient security."

Mr. Murray urges new laws for the punishment of the offense.

The report shows that the banking business of the United States made a substantial growth in the past year, though the gains made were not up to the average annual increases of the past ten years.

The aggregate amount of assets of the national banks increased during the year approximately \$553,258,000, or 5.63 per cent. Loans and discounts increased only 3.59 per cent in the face of an average 10-year increase of 6.53 per cent. Individual deposits, representing 53 per cent of bank liabilities, reached the highest point in history, September 1, last—\$5,399,955,011. This high record, however, was an increase of only 6.69 per cent over the previous year, as compared with a 10-year average increase of 7.49 per cent.

Banking Power 21 Million.
The banking power of the nation, including national, state and private banks, is estimated by the comptroller at \$21,334,456,790, an increase during the year of \$285,212,407, or over 1.3 per cent. The total banking capital is \$2,032,411,085, and the total individual deposits are \$16,514,730,351.

The net earnings of the national banks during the fiscal year ended June 30 last were \$156,985,513, from which dividends were paid to the amount of \$114,685,412, or 11.38 per cent on the capital, and 6.83 per cent on the combined capital and surplus.

Only three national banks were placed in the hands of receivers during the year ending October 31.

Greatest Sticks of Gold And Silver.

The United States holds the greatest stock of gold and silver in the world, according to statistics submitted by Mr. Murray for the calendar year 1910. The total aggregate of gold in possession of the principal countries was \$6,604,100,000, of which the United States held 1,710 million dollars, or 26 per cent of the total. (The latest treasury report shows 1,797 million dollars of gold in the United States.) The total supply of silver was \$2,599,500,000, this country's share being 729,500,000 million dollars, or 28 per cent.

Mr. Murray recommends that federal or state corporations holding stock in national banks be made liable to assessment as shareholders. He asks congress to extend to ten years the statute of limitations for the prosecution of offences under the national banking law.

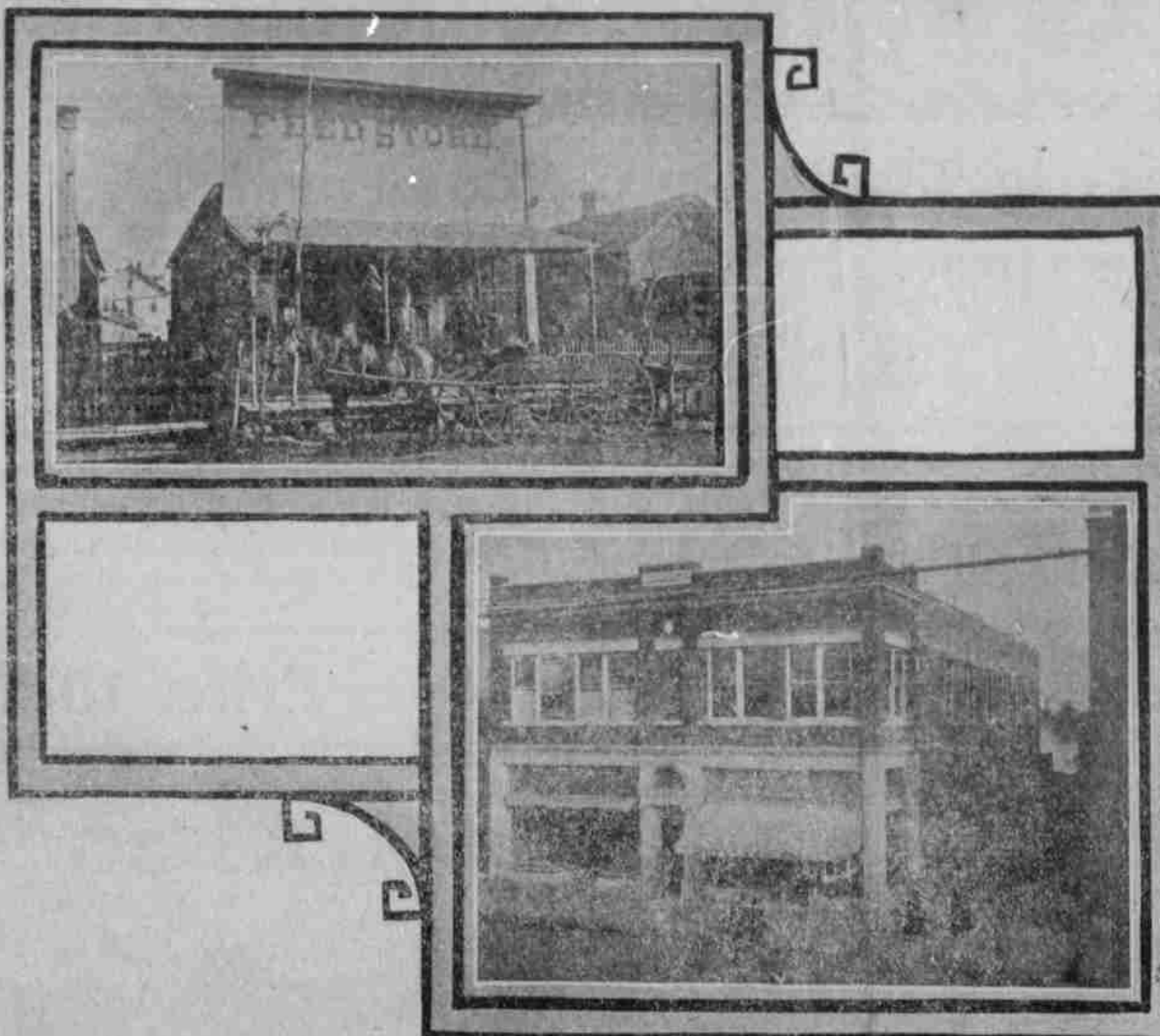
Weather Forecast.

Cloudy tonight, probably rain or snow tonight or Saturday. Colder Saturday.

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HOLIDAY HOUSE SLIPPERS ON DISPLAY



The New Cowan Building

Transformation of a business block in Vinita—The view in the upper left hand corner shows the building that formerly stood where the new Cowan building now stands.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO MEET AT ARDMORE

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 8.—The state organization of county commissioners will meet in Ardmore in annual session on Monday, December 11, and the organization will be in session three days. The meeting will be held in the new county court house and the first session will be called to order at 2:30 o'clock in the afternoon of December 11. Judge Stillwell H. Russell will deliver the welcome address and the response will be made by Commissioner D. P. Ellis of Murray county. The day will close with a free opera at the Robison Opera House.

On the second day, under the head of remarks for the good of the order and for the good of the taxpayers of the state, a lively discussion of the blanket raise in taxes by the state equalization board promises to be very interesting and of vast importance to the people in all the counties of the state. Some of the best lawyers in the state will address the commissioners on this subject and it is of importance to the taxpayers in each county that their commissioners be at this session.

Another feature of the second day will be an address by A. A. Acheson, United States postoffice inspector, in which he will tell of rural delivery of mail and the importance of road districts. The second day will close with a banquet at the Chickasaw Lake, four miles from the city, which is one of the finest resorts in the state.

The third day will be devoted to unfinished business and to the election of officers and the selection of the next place of meeting.

The city of Ardmore has contributed a fund sufficient to entertain the commissioners and a reception will be given to the ladies who attend. A special invitation has been sent to all the heads of departments of the state government and many of them will be guests of the convention.

To Use Oklahoma Asphalt.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 8.—After wading through the bids of a dozen different paving companies, and considering nine different kinds of street paving material, the mayor and city commis-

sioners of Tulsa were finally able today to decide upon the proposition and award the contract for fifty-three blocks of additional paving. The contract was let to the Shelby-Downard Paving company, of Ardmore, an Oklahoma institution using Oklahoma rock asphalt paving material. The contract price for the paving which included several blocks each on nine different streets was \$135,586.46.

The awarding of a contract for an additional fifteen blocks of paving which will cost approximately \$47,500, was postponed for the consideration of matters pertaining to the building of subways, etc., adjacent to the proposed paving.

BANDITS KILL ROAD HOUSE OWNER

Bartlesville, Okla., Dec. 8.—Bandits early yesterday shot to death J. C. Terry, proprietor of a road house near this place, because Terry attempted to prevent their robbing L. O. Blair, a hotel man.

Blair was driving past the Terry roadhouse, when, according to reports here, two men "Red" Neill and "Ace" Ray, well known in this section, held up Blair. Terry rushed out to interfere when one of the men covered him with a revolver. The other robbed Blair, who was then ordered to drive away and who obeyed. The two men then marched Terry into his place of business and the authorities charge, fired a number of bullets into his body. Neill and Ray were later arrested. Blair identified the men.

The Macks at The Grand.

The Great Macks Hypnotic Comedy company will be the attraction at the Grand Theatre all next week. They are presenting hypnotism and mental telepathy as it is known and recognized by the scientific world of today. You will be royally entertained by "The Great Mack" and his charming wife, who holds the leadership among all wonder workers in mental science. The Macks excellent change of program nightly will be different in many respects from any ever given by others with similar attractions. During the entire program there is not a suggestive word or vulgar situation. They are performances for ladies and gentlemen guaranteed to give thorough satisfaction or your money refunded.

Moved to Vinita.

Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Hancock left yesterday for Vinita, where they go to make their future home. Mr. Hancock having purchased a half interest in the Craig County Abstract company. Mr. and Mrs. Hancock are estimable people and we regret losing them, but wish them happiness and prosperity.—Grove Sun.

DAMAGE SUITS BROUGHT AGAINST PAVING COMPANY

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 8.—Asking for damages totalling \$30,000 as a result of an automobile accident in Tulsa August 30, last, three damage suits have been filed in the district court against the Parker-Washington Paving company. The plaintiffs are George S. Berry, Jr., 14, and Karl Armentrout, 16, each asking \$10,000 for injuries received, and George B. and Evelyn Berry, parents of the Berry youth, who seeks \$10,000 for the expense and worry and loss of their son's earnings incurred by the accident.

The paving company is blamed for the presence of a pile of sand at Thirteenth and Boulder avenue, which caused the automobile driven by young Armentrout and Berry, to turn "turtle" and bury them beneath its heavy frame. The Berry boy suffered two broken ribs, a dislocated heart, punctured lungs, and deformed back and side caused by the tearing of tissues. The Armentrout boy's head was completely scalped of hair and skin, which has never grown back, leaving him deformed, in that respect.

SHAWNEE BUSINESS MEN OBJECT TO VALUATIONS

Tecumseh, Okla., Dec. 8.—Upon application of a dozen Shawnee business men the county commissioners Thursday evening extended the time for the payment of the first half of the taxes to January 15, as it is believed that in the interim some of the tax suits now pending will be determined.

A suit will be filed in this county in behalf of property owners to enjoin the collection of taxes upon the 50 per cent raise made by the state board of equalization.

County Attorney Holt has announced that as soon as the suit is filed he will confess judgment, and an early determination of the matter is expected. The commissioners had set December 18 as the date upon which to begin the adjustment of individual assessments, but they have called this off, pending the action of the supreme court in the tax cases now at issue.

State Charters Issued.

Oklahoma City, Dec. 8.—Secretary of State Harrison issued a charter to the Mexico-Oklahoma Sugar company of Ardmore, with a capital stock of \$30,000, among the purposes, and, as originally drawn, the papers read, to acquire and hold land. A charter was denied last week, since the land-holding feature unrestricted, was contrary to the Oklahoma constitution, but, as issued today, the papers declare that it is not the company's purpose to hold land in violation of the Oklahoma laws or constitution. The incorporators are Charles W. Rollins, W.

S. Wolverton, Paul B. Jones and Charles Von Weise, all of Ardmore. Other charters issued were:

Altus Oil and Gas company of Altus; purpose, development of oil and gas land; capital stock \$30,000. Incorporators, J. Ben Russell, H. T. Kimbell and Grant Corbin, all of Altus.

Privett Townsite company of Bixby; capital stock \$10,000. Incorporators, W. E. C. R. and W. L. Privett, all of Bixby.

Tulsa Press Club of Tulsa; no capital stock. Incorporators, J. Burr Gibbons, Glenn Condon, C. F. Fries and E. E. Scott, all of Tulsa.

King Electra Oil company of Nowata; capital stock \$30,000. Incorporators, R. L. Steiner, W. A. Chase and W. A. Sipe, all of Nowata.

HALSELL AND BRADLEY WON SUIT ON NOTES

Oklahoma City, Dec. 8.—Two cases were appealed to the supreme court, Thursday, from Muskogee, both of them being the result of suits on promissory notes. In both cases, fraud was set up as a defense, with success in one and otherwise in the other. The American National bank lost out in its attempt to secure a judgment for \$5,235.50 from E. L. Halsell and C. M. Bradley, the defendants, setting up that they made the note in payment for stock in the International Land company, which was supposed to have property worth \$480,000, but which turned out to be practically worthless.

The Union State bank of Muskogee recovered a judgment for \$1,635.95 against J. T. Cargile and others on a promissory note given August 25, 1909. Cargile undertook to show that the note was obtained from him through fraud, but a demurrer to his evidence was sustained, and judgment given for the bank.

QUICK ACTION IN HOUSE ON OWEN LAND BILL

Washington, D. C., Dec. 8.—The hearing on Senator Owen's bill providing for the sale of the surface of the segregated coal and asphalt lands in Oklahoma, which was to have been granted today by the committee on Indian affairs was postponed until next Thursday. The house committee on Indian affairs will conduct its hearing tomorrow on the house bill and Governor Locke of the Choctaw nation and Pat Hurley, both opponents of the measure in its present form are expected to appear. Both oppose the sale of the surface without the disposal of the mineral rights, but as this has been a stumbling block for several years to the sale of the lands, it is expected their protest will be overridden and the bill reported to the house with favorable recommendation for its passage.

Gave Birth to Triplets.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 8.—Imaging the sensation experienced this morning by West McCullough, a Frye farmer and brother of Sheriff Wm. McCullough of Tulsa, when he went to feed his stock and discovered that a Jersey cow had given birth to triplets. This is one of the few cases on record, and is declared by veterinarians to be a most unusual freak of nature. While small, the three calves are perfectly formed and fully matured, and it is believed they will live.

STATE MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO MEET

Men Interested in Civic Reforms in Municipal Government to Meet at Tulsa Monday.

Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 8.—With a program including addresses on every phase of municipal government, by Governor Lee Cruce, ex-governor C. N. Haskell, the mayors of the principal cities, jurists of the higher courts, eastern engineers and other capable speakers; automobile tours of the city and oil fields, banquets and other social features, the second annual convention of the Oklahoma Municipal League which meets here December 11, 12 and 13, promises to be a profound success. City and county and state officials will be here from practically every large city and every county in the state.

The program in brief is as follows: Monday, December 11, a. m.—Addresses by Mayor L. J. Martin of Tulsa; the mayor of Oklahoma City; President E. D. Mitchell of the Tulsa Commercial Club; President A. F. McGar of Municipal League; reports of officers; addresses by Bishop Thurston, Protestant Episcopal Bishop of Eastern Oklahoma; and Rev. Percy Knickerbocker, of Tulsa. Evening. Discussion of Taxation and Fiscal Administration by Hon. Lee Cruce, governor of Oklahoma; Grant Foreman, Muskogee, and others.

Tuesday, December 12, a. m.—Automobile drive over city and through adjacent oil fields; Luncheon at Commercial Club, at 1 o'clock. Afternoon. Public Health, Police and Fire Protection, discussed by Dr. Alexander Potter, consulting engineer, New York City; Dr. C. L. Reeder of Tulsa; Harry Stage, Oklahoma City; C. C. Hammond, state fire marshal, and C. W. Dawson, Muskogee. Evening. Discussion of commission form of government by Phillip Kates, Tulsa; W. A. Ledbetter, Oklahoma City, and Judge L. H. Poe, district judge of Tulsa.

Wednesday, December 13, a. m.—Addresses on Public Improvements, Housing, Parks, and Playgrounds, by L. W. Holmes, Muskogee, Will H. Clark, Oklahoma City; C. A. Sanderson, Tulsa; E. T. Tucker, manager Tulsa Business Men's Bureau of Information; George Winkler and Roscoe C. Hugenin, both of Tulsa. Afternoon. Addresses by Charles N. Haskell, ex-governor of Oklahoma, on "Interurban Railways and their Relation to City Growth;" R. L. Williams, associate justice of the state supreme court; "Public Franchises," and George H. Henshaw, corporation commissioner, "Regulation of Public Service Corporations in Oklahoma." Election of officers and selection of next meeting place.

Killed By Katy Fast Mail.

L. C. Couch returned this morning from Adair, where he had been called on account of the death of Mrs. Silas Meeks' little boy. Mr. Couch says that the little fellow had gone to the railroad to drive a cow off the track. In throwing a stone at the cow he stumbled and fell on the track. The fast mail was due and before the little fellow could regain his feet the train, travelling at a rate of about fifty miles an hour struck him. The back of the head was crushed and one arm broken. The boy died instantly. The funeral occurred at 10 o'clock this morning.



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